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As a paying subscriber to XM Radio, it's come to my attention that the NAB wishes to block the broadcast of weather and traffic to selected cities among the XM community.

First of all, only XM listeners can take advantage of this service. This in no way hinders free broadcasting of weather and traffic conditions by local radio stations to drivers or listeners in their selected areas.

Secondly, for commercial drivers who have to drive through congested cities, this could be a safety factor. To have the ability to hear traffic reports "CONTINUALLY" without interruption is a greater advantage for drivers of big rigs as well as local drivers than to have to wait every 15 minutes or more for a traffic update.

Let's not take a step backwards, but move ahead and embrace the technology that has been given to us by satellite radio and use it as a tool that can benefit the driving public.

May I respectfully urge the FCC to therefore vote against NAB's petition 04-160.

Sincerely,

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